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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

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10:00 A.M.

1/ State Capitol, Room 112
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status — Informational
3. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 4—16)
- *4. Approval of Minutes — August 28, 2008
- *5. Recovery of Funds

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *6. San Joaquin River Conservancy, Department of Justice, \$50,000.00
Legal Services
- To consider the allocation for legal services provided by the Department of Justice, Attorney General's Office to the San Joaquin River Conservancy related to bond funded land acquisitions and capital improvements. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75050(f)]
- *7. DFG Land Management Plans, Northern Region, \$28,002.00
Phase II Augmentation, Tehama and Shasta Counties
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Wildlife Foundation, Inc. to fund an augmentation for the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Mouth of Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area land management plan, for the recent addition of 141± acres, known as the Balls Ferry Unit, located in Shasta County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the preparation of management plans for DFG lands acquired by the Wildlife Conservation Board. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]
- *8. South Fork American River, Lower Canyon Unit, \$410,000.00
Expansion 3, El Dorado County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the American River Conservancy for a cooperative project with the California Resources Agency to acquire 45± acres to protect riparian and upland habitat located near Folsom Lake, in El Dorado County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of significant natural landscapes, oak woodlands, foothill habitat, and other significant habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]
- *9. San Joaquin River Parkway, \$275,000.00
River West-Madera Restoration, Planning and Environmental Review, Madera County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Madera for a cooperative project with the San Joaquin River Conservancy to fund planning and environmental review for the San Joaquin River Parkway, River West-Madera Restoration Project, to restore 600± acres owned by the San Joaquin River Conservancy located adjacent to the San Joaquin River, West of Highway 41, in Madera County. The proposed funding sources for this project allow for the acquisition, development, rehabilitation, restoration and protection of land and water resources, in

cooperation with San Joaquin River Conservancy [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650(b)(5)] and for the acquisition, development, enhancement, and protection of land, in cooperation with San Joaquin River Conservancy [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Section 5096.355]

- *10. Shaver Lake Boat Launch Boarding Float, \$156,000.00
Fresno County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Fresno for a cooperative project with Shaver Lake Marina and Southern California Edison to replace worn-out boarding floats at the Shaver Lake Boat Launch Facility, located approximately 45 miles northeast of the City of Fresno on the north side of Shaver Lake, in Fresno County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the renovation of public access facilities. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]

- *11. Working and Learning Among the Oaks, Phase II, \$139,411.00
San Luis Obispo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Regents of the University of California, Berkeley to fund Phase II of Working and Learning Among the Oaks, a three-year effort to provide public information and education on the value of oak woodlands to K-6 grammar school students attending the Santa Margarita School and secondly to provide oak woodland education and outreach efforts on private ranches and farms. The proposed funding source allows for education and outreach efforts on the conservation of oak woodland habitat. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(2)]

- *12. Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve, Expansion 1, \$469,000.00
Santa Barbara County

To consider the acquisition of 20± acres to protect rare and threatened species in the community of Lompoc, in Santa Barbara County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of threatened and endangered species, protection and restoration of coastal watershed and adjacent lands, located in Santa Barbara County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(b/c) (P50 SoCal)]

- *13. Western Riverside County MSHCP, \$177,000.00
Expansions 4 and 5, Riverside County

To consider the allocation for two grants to the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority to acquire two properties totaling 80± acres to protect threatened and endangered species and wildlife corridors and to further implement Natural Community Conservation Planning efforts, located near the City of Lake Elsinore, in Riverside County, and to consider the acceptance of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant and the approval to subgrant the federal funds to the Authority to be applied toward the acquisitions. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition or protection of habitat or habitat corridors that promote the recovery of threatened, endangered or fully protected species where matching contributions of funds from other public agencies, private parties or nonprofit organizations are obtained. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Proposition 12), Section 5096.350(a)(5)]

- *14. Whitewater Canyon, MacKenzie Ranch, \$410,000.00
Riverside County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Friends of the Desert Mountains (Friends) for a cooperative project with the Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy, the Resources Legacy Fund Foundation and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire 260± acres to protect endangered species and wildlife corridors located in Riverside County, and to consider the acceptance of two U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grants and the approval of two subgrants of the federal funds to the Friends to be applied toward the acquisition. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition or protection of habitat or habitat corridors that promote the recovery of threatened, endangered or fully protected species where matching contributions of funds from other public agencies, private parties or nonprofit organizations are obtained. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund, (Proposition 12), Section 5096.350(a)(5)]

- *15. Crestridge Preserve, South Crest, Expansion 3, \$250,000.00
San Diego County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Endangered Habitats League (League) Inc., to acquire 29± acres to protect threatened and endangered species and wildlife corridors, located west of the community of Crest, and to consider the acceptance of a U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant and approval of a subgrant of the federal funds to the League to be applied toward the acquisition. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of real property to implement or assist in the development of a Natural Community Conservation Plan. [Safe Drinking Water, Water

Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(c)]

- *16. The Environmental Trust Bankruptcy, \$30,000.00
Multiple Southern California Counties

To consider the acceptance of properties as agreed to in negotiations surrounding the bankruptcy and reorganization of The Environmental Trust (TET). The Department of Fish and Game, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the City of San Diego and the County of San Diego are working cooperatively to transfer the properties previously held by TET to non-profits, State and local government entities to ensure protection of the habitat and open space on the lands. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and ecosystems such as riparian and wetland areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

17. Habitat Restoration, Mill Creek Watershed, Phase II, \$2,869,000.00
Del Norte County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Smith River Alliance for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, the National Park Service, the State Coastal Conservancy, the Department of Parks and Recreation, and Save-the-Redwoods League to restore and enhance wildlife habitat within the Redwoods State Park, located in Del Norte County. The proposed funding source allows for the restoration and protection of habitat that promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]

18. Honey Lake Wildlife Area Pipeline, \$308,000.00
Lassen County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game to install approximately 8,030 feet of pipeline to improve water delivery to 240± acres of uplands and 140± acres of wetland habitat on the Fleming Unit of the Department of Fish and Game's Honey Lake Wildlife Area, located in Lassen County. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the enhancement of wetland and associated upland habitats. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Proposition 117), Section 2786(d)(Wetlands Outside the Central Valley)]

19. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Expansion 11, \$610,000.00
Butte County
- To consider the acquisition of a conservation easement over 582± acres to protect deer winter range for the Bucks Mountain/Mooretown deer herd located near the Sierra foothill communities of Bangor and Rackersby, in Butte County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, necessary to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(a)]
20. Daugherty Hill Wildlife Area, Expansion 12 \$935,000.00
Yuba County
- To consider a cooperative project to acquire of 529± acres with the Trust for Public Land and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to protect oak woodlands habitat and deer winter range located near Collins Lake, in the Sierra foothills, in Yuba County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, necessary to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(a)]
21. Truckee Basin (Perazzo Meadows), \$765,000.00
Sierra County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Truckee Donner Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, Trust for Public Land, the Resources Agency, and the California Transportation Commission to acquire 982± acres to protect critical fawning areas and summer range for mule deer of the Loyalton-Truckee deer herd and winter migration corridors west of Highway 89, near Webber Lake in Sierra County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of habitat, including native oak woodlands, necessary to protect deer and mountain lions. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(a)]
22. Elkhorn Basin Ranch, \$3,780,000.00
Yolo County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Yolo Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Sacramento Valley Conservancy, the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency and the Packard Foundation to acquire three properties totaling 685± acres to protect riparian habitat and agriculture land and to connect large tracts of land located between the Sacramento River and the Yolo Bypass, southeast of Woodland, in Yolo County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and provides corridors linking separate habitat

areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund, (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]

23. Dry Creek Oak Woodland Corridor, \$295,000.00
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Audubon Society, Inc. dba Audubon California for a cooperative project with the Department of Fish and Game, City of Winters, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, University of California, Davis, Natural Resources Conservation Services, Lower Putah Creek Coordination Committee, Center for Land based Learning, and private landowners to restore 5.6 miles of riparian habitat and native vegetation, improve connectivity between ecosystems, reduce sedimentation and streambank erosion, and improve water quality for anadromous fish, located on public and private lands along East Fork Dry Creek and West Fork Dry Creek, near the city of Winters, in Yolo County. The proposed funding sources for this project allow for assisting farmers in integrating agricultural activities with ecosystem restoration and wildlife protection. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(4)] and restoration of riparian habitat [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Proposition 117), Section 2786(e/f)]

24. Watsonville Slough Conservation Area, \$5,510,500.00
and Expansion 1, Santa Cruz County

To consider an allocation for two grants to the Land Trust of Santa Cruz County for cooperative projects with the Department of Fish and Game, State Coastal Conservancy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and The Nature Conservancy to acquire two properties totaling 441± acres to protect coastal wetland and upland habitats, provide sustainable habitat for sensitive species, and reduce adverse impacts to the water quality and supply in the slough system located west of Highway 1 in the City of Watsonville, Santa Cruz County, and to consider the conditional acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the project. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition and protection of habitat that promotes the recovery of threatened and endangered species, and ecosystems such as riparian and wetland areas. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(b)]

25. East Merced Vernal Pool Grassland Preserve, \$4,400,000.00
Expansion 6, Merced County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Rangeland Trust to acquire a conservation easement over 2,912± acres to protect rolling grasslands with a high density of vernal pools and associated rare and endangered species located northeast of the City of Merced, in Merced County. The proposed funding source allows for the acquisition of habitat that promotes recovery of threatened and endangered species and that protects significant natural landscapes and significant habitat areas. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Proposition 40), Section 5096.650]
26. Midland School Oak Woodlands Conservation Easement, \$4,155,000.00
Santa Barbara County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust for Santa Barbara County for a cooperative project with the Trust for Public Land and the California Transportation Commission to acquire a conservation easement over 2,725± acres to protect and preserve oak woodland habitat in Los Olivos, Santa Barbara County. The proposed funding source allows for the conservation of the integrity and diversity of oak woodlands across California's working landscapes. [Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (Proposition 84), Section 75055(d)(2)]
27. Palo Verde Ecological Reserve, \$2,585,000.00
Expansions 1 and 2, Riverside County
- To consider a cooperative project with the Trust for Public Land to acquire two properties totaling 422± acres to protect desert wash and riparian habitat along the Colorado River located north of Blythe, in Riverside County, and to accept Department of Fish and Game funds for the acquisition of lands for natural resource protection and public access to natural resources, within the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan planning area, to be deposited directly into an escrow account established for Expansion 1. The proposed funding source for both Expansions 1 and 2 allows for the acquisition and restoration of land and water resources necessary to meet state obligations related to California's allocation of water from the Colorado River. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002, (Proposition 50), Section 79568]

28. Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration, \$2,000,000.00
Orange County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the County of Orange in cooperation with the Army Corps of Engineers to fund part of the ongoing dredging activities for enhancing bay wildlife habitats in the upper basin of the Department of Fish and Game Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, located in Newport Beach, California. The proposed funding source for this project allows for the acquisition, protection, and restoration of coastal wetlands in Southern California. [Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund, (Proposition 50), Section 79572(a)]

29. Monitoring Grants and Conservation Easements, N/A
Statewide

To clarify the intent of the Board, staff proposes to amend the policy adopted by the Board on August 17, 2006, governing the monitoring of WCB grant agreements and conservation easements.

30. Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)

THE BOARD MAY MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11126(e)(1) TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION, OUTFITTER PROPERTIES, LLC, ROCKY SPRINGS, LLC, v. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD, ET AL., SACRAMENTO COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT, CASE NUMBER 34-2008-8000037